

NEARLY FOUR HUNDRED WOMEN WERE REGISTERED

PREPARE TO VOTE FOR CITY COMMISSIONERS AT FIRST SUFFRAGE ELECTION ON TUESDAY.

Belding's women registered with a bang, bright and early Friday morning and kept it up until 8 o'clock Saturday night, and if coming events cast their shadows before them with any degree of certainty at all, it looks as if the election to be held in this city next Tuesday, Dec. 17, will have more interest taken in its eventual outcome and will call out a heavier vote than any election ever held in this city.

Contrary to the expectations of many there will be only the one voting place in the city instead of three places as heretofore. The polls of the city will be located in the city hall as the provisions of the new charter call for only a central voting place. In former elections the three wards of the city each had a place for the voters of the precinct to go and cast their ballots, but under the new charter every person who will cast a ballot on that day, will have to go to the city hall.

The ladies of the city took an exceptional interest in registering on Friday and Saturday and the chances are that they will also take as much or more interest in casting their first ballots. The registration in the first ward was 74, in the second ward, 141, and in the third ward, 178, a total of 393. The usual number of votes cast in this city before the granting of suffrage to women was between 600 and around 975 and these votes cast in this city before the jing places. Striking an average pre-suffrage vote of about 750 or 800 and then adding the 393 votes who registered recently, it means that the vote will run close to 1150 or 1200 and that the votes will all be cast at one place. The chances are that the board of election will therefore, work every minute of the time between 7 o'clock in the morning when they open for business and 5 o'clock in the afternoon, at which time the polls close.

For that reason the voters of this city will do well to vote as early as convenient for them and it might be well for them to even discommodate themselves a trifle to get their ballot in where it will assist in the careful selection of good men who will look after their unning of the city's business during their future.

Ladies' Literary Exchange Club. The Ladies' Literary Exchange club held their regular meeting Thursday, Dec. 5, at the City Library.

The attendance was small owing to sickness among the members and their families. After an interesting business session the program was then taken up.

It being "Michigan day" roll call was responded to by each member present, naming something that is made in Michigan.

Paper—Mines of Michigan. Salt, Copper—Mrs. Carrie Patterson.

Coal, Iron—Mrs. Edith Norton. Mining School of Michigan—Mrs. Mary Angell.

The papers were very interesting and showed much study. After the usual discussion on the different subjects the club adjourned to meet in two weeks. Each member is to bring a present not to exceed 10 cents in cost, to be placed on the Christmas tree. A large attendance is desired. The club members are urgently requested to assist in the conservation of food, an appeal having been read during the business session, from the national headquarters.

TAXES

Treasurer's Notice for the Collection of Taxes.

Notice is hereby given that I will be in the treasurer's office at the City hall, Belding, Mich., Dec. 10, 1918, at 1 o'clock p. m., for the collection of state, county and school taxes that have been assessed and levied in the city of Belding. Office will be open every afternoon and evening until further notice.

Wm. E. Fisher, City Treasurer.

Quarantine Notice

We do hereby declare the City of Belding quarantined as follows, beginning Thursday morning, December 12: All public gatherings are prohibited including church services, dances, theaters, lodges, pool and card rooms, etc. For the time being we will not limit the closing hours for stores but there must not be, at any one time, more than ten people in any place of business. If no inclination is shown to carry out these orders and there is no material improvement in the next few days we shall again limit the business hours and very rigidly.

The above orders will be strictly enforced under the penalty of the state law.

BELDING BOARD OF HEALTH,
E. W. LITTLE,
Health Officer.

We Replace Old Furnaces

With a Holland in one day. Burns any kind of fuel. Easy terms. Estimate free. Branch office, Citizens phone 308.

G. M. Smith

Belding.

G. A. R. Elected Officers.

The members of the Grand Army of the Republic met at their hall on Saturday and unanimously elected the following as officers for the ensuing year: Com. Frank R. Chase; Sr. V. Com. Matt Kohn; Jr. V. Com. B. F. Tower; Quartermaster, Edgar E. Berry; chaplain, Wm. H. Eckler; adjutant, Willard R. Olds; sergeant major, B. F. Tower; surgeon, George A. Hanks; officer of the day, John Cooper; officer of the guard, Eli Hanks; quartermaster sergeant, Wm. H. Eckler. This election makes the 25th time that Major Chase has been elected by his comrades to the chair of commander in the local post. Comrade Geo. A. Hanks won his office through the fact that being a veterinary surgeon, his comrades thought him to be perfectly able to look after their medical wants, etc. The election was very quiet and passed off very harmoniously.

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He Takes Exception.

Henry Mooney, a Grattan farmer, takes exception to the statement that we made in last week's paper relative to Mooney of California, whose death sentence was commuted to life imprisonment, recently, being a possible steventh cousin to the Mooneys of Grattan. Well, we got information to the effect that Mooney was a former resident of Grattan, and the reference to the Grattan people was just a good-natured jab at our cousin, Manuel Mooney and there was nothing for anyone to take offense at.

An Incomplete Article.

The birth notice in last week's paper relative to the eight pound daughter, Mary Florence, being born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Joiner was incomplete, as it should have stated that Mrs. Joiner, who resides at Hensler, No. Dak., was visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. Addie Whitford when the little visitor arrived. Mrs. Joiner was formerly Miss Ethel Whitford.

Pneumonia Takes Life.

Jay Farrar, aged about 25 years, died at his home on the North side, this morning at 5 o'clock, from pneumonia, following an attack of influenza. Funeral arrangements have not been made as yet.

Notice—\$10 Reward.

We will give the above reward for information which will lead to the conviction of persons shooting out or breaking lamps from the street lighting system.

Spencer Electric Light & Power Co.

FRIGHTENED TEAM MAKES DASH ON PAVEMENT

Monday morning at about 9:15 o'clock, as Ben Shindorf, a farmer living in the Miriam district, was driving his team west on the pavement just to the east of the Banner-News office, the bolt in the clevis which attached the whiffletree to the wagon tongue dropped out and allowed the tree to drop on the feet of one of the horses, which became greatly frightened and the team started suddenly, allowing the wagon tongue to drop to the pavement. Say, but it made a fine sight to see those horses beating it down Main street, which had its usual collection of parked automobiles and moving traffic and Ben hanging on to them exhibiting some of the best horsemanship ever shown in this city. The team continued to run with the bar hitting the one horse on the legs and the wagon tongue swinging from one side to the other until just before they reached the first automobile, which to all expectations was going to be made into kindling wood and junk soon, when one of the horses fell to the slippery pavement and the wagon run up to it and the other horse fell also. The usual amount of help was at hand and the frightened animals were soon under control and taken care of, with practically no damage to themselves, the nearby automobile, the wagon or the driver, who appeared to be just as cool as a cucumber after his exciting ride of a block and one-half.

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A Timely Hint



MAKE APPLICATION FOR AUTO LICENCES EARLY AND HELP

THIS WILL GREATLY FACILITATE MATTERS IN SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE AND BE A PROTECTION.

We are in receipt from a communication from Secretary of State Coleman C. Vaughan, to the effect that it is desired that all owners of automobiles, either pleasure or truck machines, who are contemplating using the machines throughout the winter, or as much of the time as they can, file their applications now, as by so doing it will greatly facilitate matters connected with the filling of the license orders and will enable the force of clerks in the secretary of state's office to take care of this part of the business with the proper care and time which it ought to have. In previous years, the office has been flooded with requests for licenses filed immediately after the beginning of the new year and of course, the staff of clerks was inadequate to properly handle the rush of orders. This made it so that a good many of the applicants were compelled to wait for a considerable time for their license plates and made

them subject to arrest for operating their cars without the proper plates. The prevalent idea that because one has sent in his application for a license makes them immune from arrest is all wrong in order to operate a car legally, it must be provided with the right license numbers. There has always been a number of persons who have held off until the last minute with the purchasing of their licenses and only when they were compelled to get them did they do so. There have also been many cases where a fine stretch of weather would show up and the car owner would like to take his gas wagon out for a drive, only to be held back by the fact that he had failed to secure his license and a quick move was then made to get it. A certain local man finding himself suddenly called to make a trip of something like 80 miles early last spring quickly made out an application, for a license and slipped it in the postoffice and on the following morning started out on the trip. He was stopped several times and confronted with the fact that he was running on a last-year's license, but on relating the fact that he had already sent in his application, he got through and back home all right. As a matter of fact, he had sent it in, but it had not left the local postoffice Sunday night when he returned.

There is sure to be a large demand for licenses along about the first of the year and you will save delay and may save yourself a fine and trouble if you take this tip and fill out your application at any of the numerous notary public offices and send it in

ELECTION OF CORPS OFFICERS STARTS CIVIL WAR

"FLU" ALLOWED OF ONE FACTION "PACKING" ELECTION AND WINNING OFFICES.

There is war in the camp of the local W. R. C. and all because the election which was held last Saturday turned out adversely for one faction while another faction got in and seized all the plums in the way of elective offices. The ladies of the corps have run their business so amicably for years past that the news of a real live fight over who is to hold the chairs for the next year stirs the air to its deepest depths and if there is any "skull-drudgery" as one member of the corps expressed it, being carried on by the members who carried off the honors by electing their candidates to office Saturday and getting them in, the outs are going to see about it. Really elections have become to be so tame in this man's town that a story of a fight in one of these incidents makes the populace set right up and take immediate notice and we are apt to see some fur flying among the girls who make up the member-

ship of the good old W. R. C. in this city.

The trouble started when a number of the members who were able to be present at the regular meeting of the W. R. C. in G. A. R. hall Saturday elected their candidates for the elective offices the opposition forces being so hard hit by the flu that not enough votes could be marshalled together to carry the day for them and it looks as if some of the little things which have been happening in the life of the corps for some time past are going to come to the top and cause some trouble.

The "ins" are, of course, perfectly satisfied with the result of the election, but the "outs" are far from being in a happy state of mind and declare the whole proceedings illegal through the fact that no official notice of election had been given. The outs claim that the adherents of the winners, at least some of them, had not been to a meeting of the organization in years and they are of the opinion that the election would have gone otherwise had the flu allowed of the regular number of regular attendants being present.

The next meeting of the corps is to be held on December 21 at which time a petition calling for the resignation of one or more of the lucky winners will be presented and if not acted on favorably as they view it, instead of dropping bombs a number of the members will ask to have their names dropped from the membership roll. The petition calling for the resignation or resignations is now being circulated although we were unable to ascertain by whom, but it has a number of signers and will come up at next meeting.

A number of the members are in for calling everything off and continuing with the good work and times which the corps has always been engaged in, stating that this method of procedure is the best way out of it and that the whole affair is petty jealousy and should not be carried into the meetings of the corps.

To Hold Christmas Fair.

The members of the Christian Mothers and the Young Ladies' Sodality are going to hold a joint fair at the Belding Hat Shoppe, Saturday, Dec. 14, at which time they will have on sale a splendid line of fancy sewed and worked articles, together with a line of the old time baked goods in the afternoon of that day. Be sure and take a stroll into the place and purchase some of these splendid articles for a Christmas gift for some of your relatives or friends. It will be appreciated by the ladies and those to whom you present the articles.

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FORMER LOCAL MAN MEETS HORRIBLE DEATH

A special dispatch to the Banner-News from Muskegon, states that John Pullman, aged 63, a stationary engineer employed in the plant of the Muskegon Valley Furniture Co., met an instant and horrible death at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, Dec. 10, when he was caught in the heavy fly-wheel of his engine at the plant and his corpse was terribly crushed. John Pullman, had been employed at the plant for the past 12 years and formerly resided in this city, where he was employed by Belding-Hall Co., in their factory "B", now the Dort plant. He at one time married Mrs. Gilde-meister and resided here until after her death.

Take Up Your Pledge.

Chairman Thomas A. Carten of the War Savings Stamp association for Ionia county says that Portland is far ahead of Belding in its stamp pledges, the former place having sold nearly \$8,000 worth recently while Belding has only taken up about \$6,000 and Mr. Carten is anxious that the local people who have pledged at the local postoffice for stamps, go there at once and redeem them, so that this city will go ahead of Portland, where it should belong. So if you have got a pledge, remember it is an obligation, and a promise that it will be looked to to fulfill and now is the time to do it.

W. C. Spicer left for Flint this Wednesday morning to visit a few days with his children over there and also to attend to some business matters.

For Sale.

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STATE UNDER STRICT QUARANTINE ORDERS MAY JAIL VIOLATORS

STATE BOARD WILL BACK ACTIONS OF LOCAL BOARD IN EFFORT TO STOP EPIDEMIC.

The influenza epidemic which the local board of health has been fighting against for several months past has again gained such headway that it has been deemed advisable to place a ban on all public meetings of every kind and nature in this city until the ravages of the disease have subsided sufficiently to allow of the churches and meeting places of the city being opened up for their regular hours and services.

There are at present time about 150 cases of the disease in the city, with only two physicians reporting. It is supposed that there would be many more brought to light were all the doctors reporting their cases. The local board of health has the backing of the state board of health and it is stated that in case the rest of the physicians of this city fail or further neglect, to properly report cases to the city health officer, they will be prosecuted.

The rigid quarantine rules provide for the closing of and non-admittance to, all homes in the state where there is a case of the disease and no one but regular attendants are supposed to enter or leave these houses. Henry L. Oakley, assistant to Dr. Olin, at Lansing, in conversation with City Health Officer Little and Secretary of the Board of Commerce Byron F. Brown made it plain and clear that there was to be no trifling with the present quarantine laws and that all violations were to be reported to the prosecuting attorney who will see that the cases are prosecuted.

The ban goes on Thursday morning and there will be no more public meetings, such as church services, dances, lodge meetings, or anything of the sort until after the epidemic is so far over with that it will be safe to resume these occasions and events. The penalties prescribed by law for any violations of the provisions of the act relative thereto are fines of not more than \$100 or jail sentences of not more than 90 days.

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Beautiful Child Life Ended.

The soul of little Catharine Quillan crossed the Great Divide and entered its heavenly home Sunday morning at 8:45 o'clock when her death took place at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Quillan in the west part of the city, after an illness which had been with her to a more or less marked degree since early in September, when she suffered an attack of influenza which later on developed into pneumonia, from which she recovered, but the heart action was so weak and uncertain that the worn little body was unable to stand the strain any longer and the fight was over Sunday morning. Catharine was a beautiful, lovable, saintly child and to know her was to feel a deep appreciation of the beautiful character which she possessed. She is survived by her parents, five brothers and one sister who mourn their great loss with the knowledge that "of such is the kingdom of heaven." The funeral was held Tuesday morning from St. Joseph's Catholic church, Rev. Fr. John A. Klich officiating and burial was in Parnell cemetery, where Fr. D. Beahan officiated.

Boys Are Home.

Frank Merritt reached home from Camp Custer Monday and this afternoon Ernest Eggleston came home on the train up from Grand Rapids, both boys having been discharged from the service. Mr. and Mrs. John Dehn have also received a telegram from their son, Arthur, to the effect that he would soon be home from Annapolis, where he is stationed. Other men are arriving home daily with an altogether different feeling on the part of the people than when we saw them entrain for service.

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Announcing the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call

House to House Canvas

The week of December 16-23 will be epochal in the history of the Red Cross. Everywhere within the boundaries of the United States—the entire population of cities, towns and hamlets will be invited to become members of the Red Cross—will vie with one another in their efforts to secure 100 per cent membership.

Everyone knows of the wonderful work of this great humanitarian organization in alleviating the sorrow, pain and distress of suffering humanity caused by the world war. The unselfish devotion to duty—the sublime courage of the millions of women in Red Cross work, both overseas and at home, is fresh in the minds of all.

The war is over. Reconstruction replaces destruction. Great is the task. Years will be required to rebuild war-torn Europe. The responsibilities of the Red Cross are multiplied rather than lessened by the cessation of hostilities. The long suffering inhabitants of war racked countries must be housed, fed and nursed. Starvation, disease and pestilence are the enemies now calling the Red Cross to battle. Only well planned, organized effort can bring back health and prosperity to these people.

What more fitting tribute can be offered by the American people to show their appreciation of the work already done and to be done by the Red Cross, than by recording a universal membership in answer to the Red Cross Christmas roll call?

Every loyal American will consider it a privilege to participate, as a member of the Red Cross, in the rehabilitation of mankind.

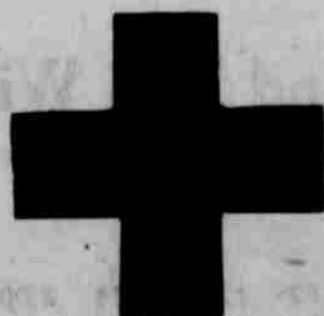
Every man, woman and child in America should answer the Red Cross Christmas roll call, December 16-23.

WE WANT 100 PER CENT IN BELDING.

Remember we still have about 100 Belding boys in France and Russia at this time. Read their letters in our local paper and see what they think about the Red Cross.

We have gone over the top in all our drives in the Red Cross. Belding—do not fall this time.

JOIN



All you need is a heart and a dollar. . . .

Instruction Ballot, City of Belding

* INSTRUCTIONS—Vote for three Commissioners, one Justice and two Constables. Place a cross (X) in the square opposite the name of the candidate you wish to vote for. Before leaving the booth, fold the ballot so that the initials of the inspector may be seen on the outside.

COMMISSIONERS.

Alvin S. Dimmick
Dennis Hollenbeck
R. Howard Hall
Ernest R. Shawley
Charles C. Lamberton

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

EMBREE B. LAPHAM

CONSTABLES

Fred McNitt
Elmer E. Cook

VOTING PLACE—CITY HALL

DATE—DECEMBER 17, 1918

TIME—7 A. M. TO 5 P. M.

All registered MEN and WOMEN are entitled to vote and it is your duty to cast your ballot on that day for the men who are best qualified to handle our city's interests and do it intelligently. With such men in office we can hope for great things and an economy of government that we have never known before and at the same time give us a business administration that means real progress in our City affairs.